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# Courtesy is contagious

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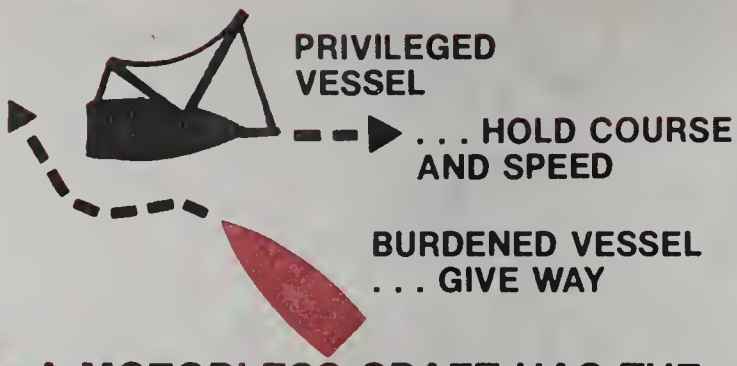
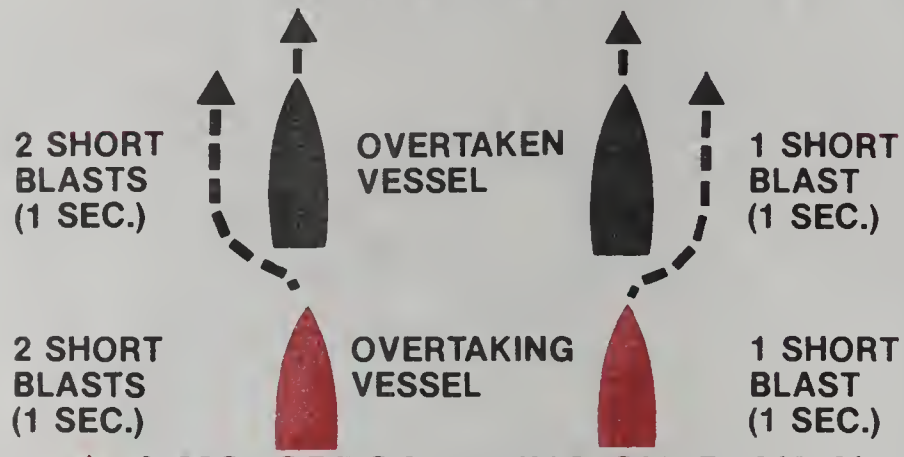
# Help start an epidemic!

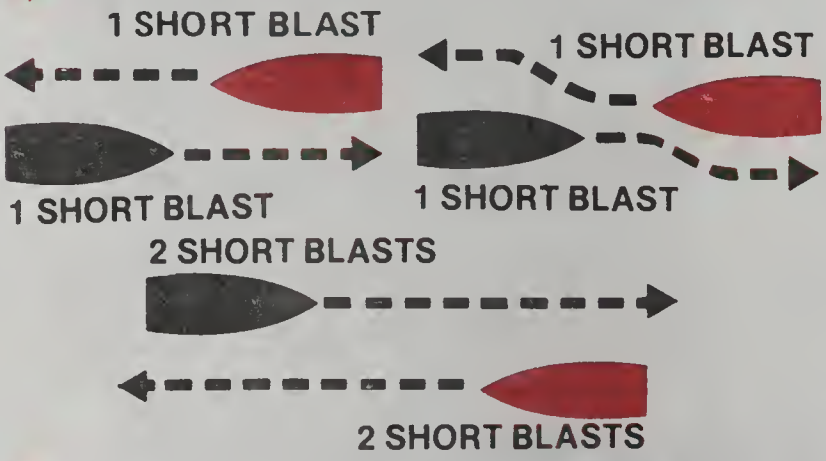
# Rules of the Road



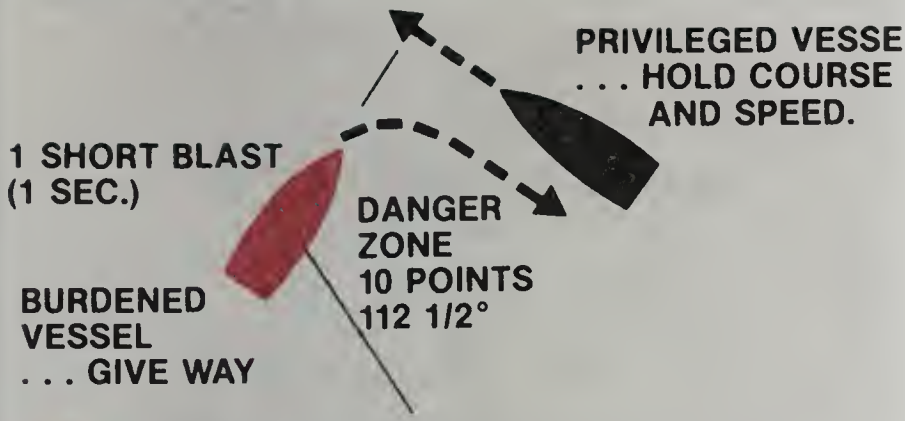

- A MOTORLESS CRAFT HAS THE COMPLETE RIGHT OF WAY IN ALL CASES EXCEPT WHEN IT IS THE OVERTAKING VESSEL.




- A MOTORBOAT BEING OVERTAKEN HAS RIGHT OF WAY.
- MEETING HEAD AND HEAD OR NEARLY S




- DANGER SIGNAL - FOUR OR MORE SHORT BLASTS
- ENGINES IN REVERSE - THREE SHORT BLASTS




- WHEN MOTORBOATS APPROACH AT RIGHT ANGLES OR OBLIQUELY, THE BOAT ON THE RIGHT HAS RIGHT OF WAY, BUT MUST MAINTAIN COURSE AND SPEED.
- MOTORBOATS MUST KEEP TO RIGHT IN NARROW CHANNELS, WHEN SAFE AND PRACTICABLE.

# DISTRESS SIGNALS

DAY: Slowly and repeatedly raise out-stretched arms from horizontal to overhead.

NIGHT: Display flares or fire rockets approved by the U.S. Coast Guard.

DAY OR NIGHT: Continue sounding of horn or bell, firing gun at short intervals. If equipped with radio-telephone, call Coast Guard — give description of your boat, your approximate location, number of persons aboard and nature of your emergency.

ALL CRAFT SHOULD AVOID AREAS WHERE THE SKIN DIVER'S FLAG (A RED SQUARE WITH A DIAGONAL WHITE STRIPE) IS DISPLAYED FROM A BUOY

# STANDARD BUOYS

## CONTROLLED AREA SYMBOLS

SLOW 5 MPH
SLOW NO WAKE
SKI AREA
NO SKI
SLOW 10 MPH
SPEED ZONE
CONTROLLED AREA

## HAZARD WARNING SYMBOLS

ROCK
DANGER
RAPIDS
SHOAL
STUMP
SHALLOW AREA
HAZARD AREA

## RESTRICTED AREA SYMBOLS

SWIM AREA
KEEP OUT
NO BOATS
BOATS KEEP OUT
CLOSED AREA
NO BOATING

## INFORMATION SYMBOLS

REST ROOM 1 MILE
STATE PARK AHEAD
MARINA ENTRANCE

## CAUTION

SMALL CRAFT SHOULD STAY CLEAR OF LARGE COMMERCIAL AND GOVERNMENT VESSELS, ESPECIALLY IN DREDGED CHANNELS, EVEN IF SMALL CRAFT HAVE RIGHT OF WAY. LARGE VESSELS CANNOT MANEUVER READILY IN CONFINED WATERS SUCH AS CHANNELS.

## What is courtesy?

It is being pleasant and polite.
It is being tactful and considerate.
It is showing appreciation.
It is listening attentively.
It is keeping our promises.

In short, courtesy means being nice to people. And it's contagious. Let's catch the courtesy habit . . . and start an epidemic!

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